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# Santee Hometown Heroes Banner Program Expansion

In March, the second cycle of the Santee Hometown Heroes Banners were installed on Veterans Memorial Bridge. The City is proud to announce the program's expansion which includes installation of previous banners between Carlton Hills Blvd. and Weston Rd. In addition, banners will remain up for a year.

The program is gaining attention! In early March, honored veteran Gary Strawn had the chance to show off his banner and tell his story to <u>ABC10 News</u>. Additionally, veteran David Disbrow and his family visited his banner shortly after installation. City staff was able to learn more about the veteran and his time serving in the Navy.

Learn about Santee's <u>Hometown Heroes Banner Program</u>



### Arts & Entertainment District

The City of Santee is updating and expanding its Arts & Entertainment District (adopted in 2019)! Our project team is currently evaluating how this area can become a thriving cultural and recreational center, and a local and regional destination for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Some of the goals for the District are: creating active and passive recreational activities, providing commercial/professional opportunities, and developing a Civic Center.

More on Arts & Entertainment



### **Core Community Values**

The Community Oriented Policing Ad-Hoc Committee has finalized a Core Community Values statement. It was presented to and approved by the City Council at the March 8 City Council Meeting. The three core values chosen by the Santee community were accountability, community-minded, and respect.

Learn about Santee's <u>DEI Program</u>



## Joint Fire Academy

The <u>Santee Fire Department</u> has been busy! The Santee Fire Department and Heartland Fire held the first-ever joint fire academy for a total of six recruits. The recruits participated in a total of five weeks of training which vary widely from hose work to auto extrication.

Fire personnel also participated in a boot drive, hosted by the Burn Institute, which supports burn survivors and fire prevention programs.



### Summer Camp

Summer is almost here! Summer Day Camp <u>registration</u> started March 6 and camp starts June 15th. Additionally, Jr Camp Leader opportunities are now available.



### New to Santee

Some new businesses that opened in Santee these past few months include:

- Nicolosi's Italian Restaurant
- Earl of Sandwich
- Florabella



# New Departments

The Development Services Department is being updated with a new vision for Santee's future. This splits the one department into two, creating a new Department of Engineering and a new Department of Planning and Building.

Carl Schmitz has been promoted to Director of Engineering/ City Engineer for the City of Santee. Carl will guide his team in a completely new world for our engineers.

The City is also looking for a Director of Planning and Building/City Planner position to provide the piece of final connectivity and support.



# **Recurring Meetings**

**SPARC • First Thursdays, 6:30PM** 

May 4 June 1 July 6

#### City Council • Biweekly, 6:30PM

April 26 May 10 & 24 June 14 & 28 July 12 & 26

### COMPOC • Second Mondays, 2:00PM

May 8 June 12 July 10





### **Upcoming Events**



**District 4 Town Hall Meeting** 

Tuesday, April 25, 6-7pm | Santee City Hall Council Chambers More details <u>here</u>.



### **Junior Olympic Track Meet**

Saturday, April 29, 7:30am-2pm | Santana High School More details here.



#### **Santee Street Fair**

Saturday, May 27, 10am-6pm | Riverview Pkwy. & Town Center Pkwy. More details <u>here</u>.



#### **Friday Nights Live**

Fridays, May 19-June 9, 5:30-7pm | Santee Trolley Square More details <u>here</u>.



Santee Summer Concerts

Thursdays, June 15-August 17, except July 6, 6:30-8pm | Town Center Community Park East More details here.